

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Joh-E IKEDA et al. :
Serial No. NEW : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**
Filed July 29, 2003 : Attorney Docket No. 2003_0980

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ENCODING THE PROTEIN AND cDNA THEREOF
(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional of Serial No. 09/705,872,
Filed November 5, 2000)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Kindly amend the application as follows: